

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF “BULLS-EYE” - SSAA TARGET PISTOL 10/08

THE GUNS- There are 6 main events in SSAA Target Pistol (Bulls-eye). The matches are each based around a class of gun. The following is a general overview only - for full specifications see the “NRA Pistol Rules” book , or the SSAA National Guide to NRA Pistol Rules.

1. **Any .22 calibre pistol or revolver-** may be any .22 pistol using any .22 rimfire cartridge having an overall length of not more than 1.1 inches or a projectile heavier than 40gns. Barrel length including cylinder not more than 10 inches. Trigger pull not less than 2lbs. Any sights including telescopic and red dot are permitted, with the exception of sights that project an image on to the target. Iron sights not over 10 inches apart.
2. **Standard Smallbore pistol .22 cal rimfire-** may be any .22 rimfire pistol - metallic (iron) sights only. May have orthopedic grips. Trigger pull not less than 2lbs.
3. **International Mayleigh-** same as (1) Any .22 calibre pistol or revolver.
4. **Distinguished Revolver-** a revolver capable of chambering and firing a 158 grain round nose or semi-wadcutter .38 special cartridge. Revolver must be factory manufactured with no external modifications except for stocks. Stocks are to be factory or as near as possible a mirror image left and right – (no orthopedic grips). Barrel length not to exceed 6 1/2 inches. Fixed or adjustable rear sights may be used - no adjustable foresights allowed. Trigger must have single and double action capability and be of not less than 2 1/2 lb pull weight, tested in the single action mode. Ammunition - .38/357 158 grain round nose or semi-wadcutter only. **Not Permitted-**Trigger shoes, compensators, tape on stocks, sticky substances on stocks and non-original trigger stops.
5. **Any Centrefire Pistol or Revolver-** any centrefire pistol of .32 / 7.65 calibre or larger, barrel length including cylinder not more than 10 inches. Trigger pull not less than 2 1/2 lb. Any sights including telescopic and red dot are permitted, with the exception of sights that project an image on to the target. Iron sights not over 10 inches apart.
6. **U.S Pistol M9-** a Beretta 92 9mm pistol of the US issue type or a commercial pistol of the same type and calibre. Barrel not less than 4.9 in. or longer than 5in. Overall length not less than 8.52in or longer than 8.62 in. Sights no more than 7.25 in. apart. Stocks no more than 1.5in. wide and may not be of a wrap around design. Tape may be used on the fore strap and grip rear, but may not be wrapped around the grip. Trigger of not less than 2 1/2 lb pull weight . Ammunition –any safe 9mm load with a minimum 115 gn projectile. A long list of modifications is permitted - including replacement barrels, slides and sights.

The Matches- There are 3 types of matches shot in SSAA Target Pistol

1. **National Match Course-** This is the basis - 30shots - 10 shots 50yd/m slow fire, 10 minutes; 2 strings of 5 shots 25yd/m timed fire, 20 seconds per string; 2 strings of 5 shots 25yd/m rapid fire, 10 seconds per string. The gradings are based on the NM course.
2. **900 Match Course-** the basis for a Camp Perry Championship - 3x 900matches- 1 of any Rimfire, 1 of any Centrefire and 1 of any .45. We don't have .45's so the most we would do would be an 1800 - 900 of Any .22 and 900 of Any centrefire. A 900 is 90 shots for a max score of 900 points- the course of fire is-
 - * Slow Fire - 2 strings of 10 shots at 50yd/m, 10 minutes per string.
 - * National Match Course - 30 shots as above
 - * Timed Fire - 4 strings of 5 shots at 25yd/m, 20 seconds per string.
 - * Rapid Fire - 4 strings of 5 shots at 25yd/m, 10 seconds per string.For grading purposes the 900 score is devolved into 3 National Match scores

2. **International Mayleigh Match-** An international postal match - 3 strings of 10 shots at 50m, 10 minutes per string on the International Slow Fire Target.

Targets- with the exception of the Mayleigh Match which is shot on the International Slow Fire Target the National Match course and the 900 course are shot on the NRA B6/8 target. The current sample of this we have available in Australia is erroneously marked F1, Mayleigh 50 yard Slow fire Pistol Target. Rings are 10x down to 5.

Some things are a bit different to what you are used to -

Range Commands- standard American NRA variety – basically -

Load, Is the Line Ready? The Line is Ready. Ready on the Right, Ready on the Left. (competitors may raise their guns and point them at the target after “Ready on the Right) Ready on the Firing Line. After approx. 3 seconds the targets will turn or the command “Commence Firing” or an audible signal is given. After the time is up - Cease Firing. Are there any Refires? Here we run into something else different - If you have had a jam, a dud cartridge or any other form of misfire - you do nothing.... Hold your hand up. A line official will come and control the clearing of the pistol and count the number of shots fired. You get to refire- but if you attempt to clear the jam , you are on your own and no refire is permissible - but.....

Refires- The NRA allows only 1 refire in Slow fire and 1 in the combined Timed /Rapid fire. We are allowing up to 2 refires per stage. This is to help the discipline progress. No guarantee that it will always be this way. There is plenty of time in slow fire to clear Jams, or replace Cartridges so refires should be rare. All refires are in groups of 5 shots. The scoring method is interesting -

Scoring Refires- say for example you had a jam in rapid in your second string after 3 shots - you have 8 shots on the target. When you refire at the end of the stage you will put 5 more shots onto that target - it now has 12 shots on it. The lowest 10 shots are scored - that includes misses. The decision to refire is the competitors. Sometimes it may be better to just accept what you have got!!!!!!

Cross Fires- If you thought they are tough on refires - wait until you hear about cross fires! If your target is crossfired onto and the shots cannot be readily identified (your .38, his .32) then the lowest 10 shots and the highest 10 shots are scored. If you don't wish to refire, you will have to accept the lowest 10 shots. If you choose to refire, your next score will only be up to the value of the highest 10 shots on the cross fired target. (eg low 10- 65, high 10- 90, refire 95- you will only get 90. If your refire scores 60 then 60 is what you will be scored. Once again it is your choice to refire - some times it is realistic to take the low score.

Trigger Testing- All triggers at the National Championships will be tested at certification and may be further tested at random during the matches. The National Discipline Chairman has a set of certified NRA weights. Certification will take place before commencement of each days' competition.

Grading- It's all a bit different. Grades can only be awarded from registered matches. Matches are registered by notifying the National Chairman a minimum of 1 week in advance (to allow advertising - longer is a lot better) and sending the National Chairman the scores from the match within 2 weeks of the completion of the match. The National Grading Register is maintained by the National Chairman. There is no grading card as such. The National Chairman will supply a copy of the match results in graded form after each event. These scores will be publicised as well. Eventually the Grading Register will be posted on the National website. The National Chairman will bring the National Grading Register to the National Championships. Ungraded competitors will shoot as ungraded and then be graded on their first National Match course. If their first match is a 900 match then the score will be averaged. The grades are all based on the score of 300 from the National Match Course.

GRADE	SCORE	GRADE	SCORE
C grade	0 - 199	AA(Expert)	270 - 284
B (Marksman)	200 - 254	M (Master)	285 - 290
A (Sharpshooter)	255 - 269	H (High Master)	291 - 300

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